not feasible owing to difficulties that might arise in respect of the water rights of the two Governments under the scheme. The first scheme was therefore found to be a suitable one and the Government had promised to investigate the same after obtaining a report from the Municipal Council. The Council had since passed a resolution recommending the appointment of an expert to work out the details of a scheme. This should be sanctioned without any delay.

Secondly, the member represented the need for vesting in Municipal Councils all the properties mentioned in Section 53 of the Municipal Regulation, including streets. The *porambokes* within municipal limits were under the control of three agencies, *viz.*, the Revenue Department, the P. W. D. and the Municipal Councils. This divided control often led to difficult and conflicting situations. The *porambokes* should be placed under the sole control of the Municipal Councils.

The clients resorting to the local Munsiff's Court experienced very great hardship for want of a waiting shed. A shed should therefore be constructed in the Munsiff's Court compound as early as practicable.

The people were subject to much inconvenience for want of a cart road to the non-Brahmin cremation ground on the bank of the Kundar river. There was a pathway leading to it, but it had been greatly encroached upon by the owners of adjacent paddy fields. The encroachments should be vacated and the pathway converted into a cart road.

Lastly, a maternity ward should be opened in the local hospital. Much difficulty was experienced by the people for want of such a ward. The increase in the rate of infantile mortality in the taluk was mainly on account of the absence of this ward. A maternity ward should be added to the local hospital.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sabariperumal Pillai, the resolution of your Municipal Council about water supply is under consideration.

As you are aware, there is to be a new Municipal Bill, and in drafting that Bill your suggestions will, no doubt, be considered.

In regard to the provision of a waiting shed in the Munsiff's Court and the opening of a cart road to the non-Brahmin cremation ground, enquiries will be made and the matters considered.

In the Shencotta hospital there are 21 beds; but the average number of in-patients is only four. So, presumably, there is no necessity at present for a separate ward for maternity cases.

99, Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk.

MR. KURUVILA JOHN (*Karunagapalli taluk, Group II*) first represented about the necessity for shifting the Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court from Kayankulam to Krishnapuram, where it was originally located. The subject was represented at the three previous sessions of of the Assembly and at the last session the reply given was that the question would be considered on receipt of the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner. It was not known in what stage the report was,

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Though the Court was transferred to Kayankulam, it continued to be known as the Krishnapuram Court. The seal was also the old one and the jurisdiction also remained the same. The transfer was not made on the initiative of the High Court or at the request of the people. It was more advantageous to the litigant public of the taluk to have the Court at Krishnapuram. The existing building in which it was housed was very close to a large number of private houses and in a congested place and was ill-ventilated. A rent of Rs. 30 per mensem had to be paid to the owner of the building, while the old building at Krishnapuram which was still available could be had for a rent between Rs. 15 to Rs. 25 per mensem. The old building was also situated in an extensive compound over 25 acres in extent. In the circumstances, the Munsiff's Court should be shifted back to Krishnapuram.

The member next urged the need for opening the following roads —

(i) A road from the 23rd milestone of the Quilon-Alleppey road to the backwater.

(ii) The Tamarakulam-Ayiramtengu road.

(iii) A road from Vallikavu to Azhayakavu *via* Vavakavu to meet the Todiyur-Kottapuzhakkal road.

The question of supply of drinking water to the coastal *pakuthies* of the taluk was one which had been engaging the attention of the Government for many years. A scheme had been drafted for the supply of drinking water to the locality and the same was printed and handed over to the President at the previous session of the Assembly. The Government also had investigated the feasibility of supplying pipe water. But nothing had been done in the matter yet. The construction of three or four groynes at Azheekkal, where the sea had encroached would enable the people of the locality to obtain good drinking water. The Government should take up the problem and find a solution at a very early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: The question of the removal of the Munsiff's Court to Krishnapuram, Mr. John, will be considered with the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

An estimate was prepared for opening a road from the 23rd milestone of the Quilon-Alleppey road to the backwater. But the people concerned did not give the necessary land free of compensation. And so the Government suggested that the matter might be brought forward before the Road Board by the people interested.

In regard to the Tamarakulam-Ayiramtengu road, work on the second section has been completed; the first section is not very urgent; the third and fourth sections, on which work has not been started, cost more than Rs. 30,000 and have to wait until funds are available. The same reason *viz.*, prohibitive cost, applies in regard to the road from Vallikavu to Azhayakavu.

The question of the supply of drinking water to the coastal *pakuthies* of the taluk has been a matter of enquiry for many years. The

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Chief Engineer says that, if pipe water is to be supplied, the proposition will involve a very large expenditure. The only solution is to provide shallow wells. This solution which has been suggested will, we hope, meet the situation.

100. Needs of the Kayankulam Municipality.

MR. K. G. MAMMAN (*Municipal Council, Kayankulam*) said that one of the most important needs of the town was the construction of bridges across the canal running through the centre of the town. The canal was 80 feet wide and there were only two bridges to connect the opposite banks; but both were under repair. The southern bridge was dismantled three years back for the construction of an iron girder bridge and a temporary foot-bridge provided in its place. This foot-bridge had become useless. The construction of the permanent bridge should be expedited. The other bridge on the northern side, near the old fish market was also tottering and stood in need of reconstruction. This bridge also should be reconstructed immediately.

The necessity for opening roads on both sides of the canal from the iron girder bridge to the fish market had been repeatedly urged at the past four sessions of the Assembly, but nothing was done in the matter. The work should be taken up and completed soon.

The construction of drains on the sides of the town roads was another urgent necessity which formed the subject of representations at several sessions of the Assembly. This was essential for the better sanitation of the town.

A Government building should be constructed to house all the public offices at Kayankulam. The Government paid a rent of Rs. 130 per mensem for holding the several offices. This amount could be saved by the construction of a new building.

The member for the Karunagapalli taluk represented that the Munsiff's Court at Kayankulam should be shifted to Krishnapuram. It was as a result of very great agitation that the Court was transferred to Kayankulam from Krishnapuram. It should not be shifted back from Kayankulam.

Formerly, there was a sub-treasury at Kayankulam, but it was abolished. There were as many as 13 or 14 Government institutions at Kayankulam which had heavy treasury transactions and a sub-treasury at the place was therefore very essential.

Lastly, the member requested that the Municipal Council shoud be granted permission to levy tolls. This matter had been urged on the attention of the Government by the Municipal Council for the past 10 years. Sanction should be accorded for this at a very early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Every attempt will be made, Mr. Mamman, to hurry up reconstruction of the iron girder bridge. The fish market bridge will be taken up when the other has been finished.

An estimate for a road from the iron girder bridge to the fish market has been prepared, and it will be considered as soon as the Road Board has discussed the matter.

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